

Pacific Science Center
Summer 2023 Sick Camper Policy

Disqualifying Circumstances. Sick campers may not attend camp. If a camper develops a symptom during the camp day, they will be moved out of their camp group until an authorized adult can pick them up. **If any of the below circumstances is true for a camper, that camper is required to stay home from camp:**

- In the past 24 hours, the camper has reported or exhibited:
 - A fever of 100.4°F or higher, or chills
 - A cough (new, changed, or worsening)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - A sore throat
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Congestion or running nose not related to seasonal allergies
 - Unusual fatigue
- The camper has taken medication to reduce a fever prior to coming to camp
- The camper has a transmissible illness (e.g. chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, etc.)
- Within the past 5 full days, the camper has tested positive for COVID-19
- The camper has been instructed by a public health or medical professional to self-monitor, isolate or quarantine because of concerns of COVID-19 infection

Any camper with a rash must fully cover the rash with bandage or gauze during camp.

Masking during Camp. Masking is optional in most circumstances. **However, if any of the below circumstances is true, campers will be required to mask while at camp.**

- [King County COVID-19 Community Level](#) reaches “High” using [CDC](#) criteria
- The camper is between days 6-10 of recovery from COVID-19 and is no longer testing positive
- During camp, the camper exhibits or reports symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- The camper was exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 10 full days

Masks must be properly fitted and cover the mouth and nose at all times. Masks with valves or openings, handkerchiefs, gaiters and face shields in lieu of masks are not allowed.

Illness during Camp. If a camper exhibits or reports symptoms during camp that are not consistent with a diagnosed chronic illness, allergy, or condition that was documented in CampDoc prior to the start of camp, the camper will be isolated and required to mask until an authorized adult is able to pick them up. In the case where a camper who has attended camp develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19, we will notify all families with campers in that camp without releasing any information about the camper’s identity.

Returning to Camp after Illness. A camper who exhibits or reports one or more symptom may return to camp after they have been symptom-free for 24 hours. We will follow [WA DOH guidelines](#) to determine when a negative COVID-19 test will be required in addition to 24 hours symptom-free.

Any camper with confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 will be allowed to return to camp if:

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (defined as no fever without the use of medications and significant improvement in symptoms); AND
- At least 5 full days have passed since the symptoms first appeared and the camper is not testing positive during days 6-10

Note that campers recovering from COVID-19 must wear a mask at camp through Day 10.

Returning to Camp after Exposure. If a camper is exposed to or lives in a household with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 but the camper is not showing signs of illness, their health should be closely monitored for development of COVID-19 symptoms for at least 10 days following the last day of exposure. Regardless of vaccination status, the camper may attend camp but is required to mask for 10 full days. Testing is recommended every 24-48 hours for five days after exposure.

Certification and Acknowledgement of Policy

I am the parent or legal guardian with responsibility for the minor enrolled in camp. I am in receipt of the Summer 2023 Sick Camper Policy and I have read it in full, understand it completely, and agree to follow all provisions of this policy including reporting any illness or positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis. Each day by bringing my camper to camp, I attest that they have not exhibited or reported any disqualifying symptoms or circumstances prior to camp. I understand that if my camper exhibits or reports a symptom during camp, they will be moved out of the camp group until they can be picked up, and they will not be eligible to return to camp for at least 24 hours after the symptom resolves. I acknowledge that this policy is subject to change at any time with little or no prior notice based on new guidance from federal, state, or local public health entities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____